

**Photos of Mima Mounds on Shaniko Plateau**  
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The route begins at a yellow cattle guard on unsigned Rooper Road, off the Antelope-Shaniko Hwy.



The largest mounds with the most complete rock rings are found on the flat uplands, within the first mile.



At 1.6 miles, on the steeper slopes, the mounds are arrayed in long parallel rows down the hillside.



Biscuit Root



Desert Parsley



Upland Larkspur



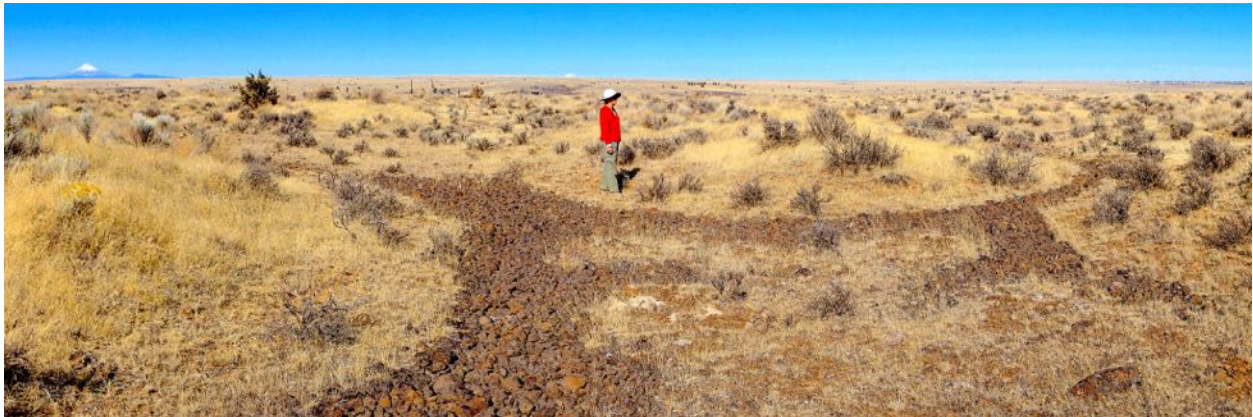
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In spring, the rock areas support a sparse cover of wildflowers, best seen in April, May and early June.





Most of the land along Rooper Road is BLM, but a few private tracts are marked with blue-green drums.



From 2.6 to 3.0 miles, acres and acres of well-defined mounds to explore are found south of the road.



Across this area, the rings of basalt rocks form an intricate network winding among the mima mounds.



At 3.1 miles, the road ends at a locked gate, with the Nature Conservancy's research preserve beyond.